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**Reply To Restriction Requirement
and Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115
in the Revised Format of the
Pre-OG Notice Dated January 31, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group 1, represented by claims 1 to 10 and 29-33. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

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In advance of prosecution, and subsequent to the above election, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the format approved in the pre-OG Notice dated January 31, 2003, entitled, "Amendments In A Revised Format Now Permitted," and in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;

- with status identifiers; and

- with markings in the currently amended claims;

(C) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;

(D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for the net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.